

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 8, 2013 at the Plum Borough Municipal Building, 4575 New Texas Road, Plum, PA 15239.

ROLL CALL: Present were council members: Mike Dell, Mike Doyle, Don Knopf, Keith Nowalk, Len Szarmach and Steve Taylor. Councilman John Anderson was absent. Mayor Hrivnak was present.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of June. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve the following expenses for the month of June:

Monthly Recurring Payables	\$101,754.58
Payables Requiring Council Approval	209,120.18
Street Improvement Fund	5,916.11
Fire Fund	53,870.63
Debt Payment	28,140.69
Public Works Facility	895,131.51
Purchasing Card Direct Vendor Payment	
Allied Republic	129,176.80
Cintas	2,837.75
Miscellaneous Borough Purchases	1,725.87

Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Nowalk, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2013 council meeting. Unanimously approved.

Recognition of Achievements in the Community – Mayor Hrivnak recognized citizen, Jeff Pope. Mr. Pope volunteers extensively throughout the community. Mr. Nick Paradise of Home Instead Senior Care also recognized Mr. Pope.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn Klingensmith of Plum Community Library announced upcoming programs to be held at the library.

Nina Segelson of Plum Community Senior Center announced upcoming programs to be held at the center. Ms. Segelson stated there would be a farmers market beginning Thursday, July 11th from 3:30-6:30.

Tom Izydore of Plum EMS reported they had responded to 1,326 calls this year and 922 individuals were transported to hospitals.

Bob Morran of Plum EMS encouraged residents to contribute. Mr. Morran announced that CPR classes will be conducted every third Thursday beginning July 18th.

President's Comments – Mr. Doyle had nothing to report.

Manager's Report – Mr. Thomas introduced Betsy Krisher, Vice-President of Maher Duessel. Ms. Krisher reported on the 2012 audit report. Ms. Krisher said there were no difficulties performing the audit and had full cooperation was provided by the staff; two new account procedures were adopted and new auditing standards were implemented. The Borough ended the year with a fund balance of 1.9 million, an increase of \$775,000 from 2011.

Mr. Dell commented on the detailed aging report Council receives from EIT and suggested property tax provide the same information on delinquents. Mr. Dell stated that bonding of volunteers will be addressed in the future with the finance committee.

Citizen's Comments – Agenda Items – None

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Knopf, to appoint Kevin Fields as full-time building inspector/code enforcement officer effective July 9, 2013. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to end the probationary period of Public Works Laborer Shawn Williams and make him a regular full-time employee effective June 12, 2013. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Knopf, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to end the probationary period of Public Works Laborer Edward Brodak and make him a regular full-time employee effective June 12, 2013. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to end the probationary period of Public Works Laborer Richard Ruskiewicz and make him a regular full-time employee effective June 12, 2013. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to end the probationary period of Public Works Laborer Justin Lauffer and make him a regular full-time employee effective June 20, 2013. Unanimously approved.

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Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to appoint Heather Oravitz as a permanent part-time secretary in the Planning/Code Enforcement Department. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Knopfel, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adopt Resolution No. 771-13 to file a grant through DCED for the Greenway Trails and Recreation Programs. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Knopfel, to authorize a contract for architectural services on the Plum Borough EMS Station/Renton Fire Department to Boyd Anastas, R.A at a projected cost of \$106,500. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Dell, to authorize for landscape architectural services on the Plum Borough EMS Station/Renton Fire Department to Fahringer, McCarty, Grey, Inc. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Knopfel, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to authorize a contract for engineering services on the Plum Borough EMS Station/Renton Fire Department to R.F. Mitall and associates. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Dell, to authorize a contract for traffic engineering services on the Plum Borough EMS Station/Renton Fire Department to Trans Associates, Inc. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Dell, to authorize a contract for construction management services on the Plum Borough EMS Station/Renton Fire Department to Massaro Construction Management Services at a cost of \$44,500 and at a hourly rate. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Knopfel, to table awarding a contract for the Repp Road slide repair. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Knopfel, seconded by Mr. Nowalk, to approve a Developers Agreement with Peoples TWP for the installation of natural gas lines at the Plum Borough Municipal Center at no additional cost to the Borough. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to ratify change orders in the amount of \$39,400 for the Municipal Center for the month of June 2013. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Dell, to approve Resolution No. 772-13, a banner permit for Our Lady of Joy Church parish festival. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Nowalk, to table accepting a lawsuit agreement involving the Borough. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to adopt Resolution No. 773-13 for the East DUI Task Force grant application. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve a COLA for a police retiree. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Dell, to authorize advertisement of the proposed 2013 bond issue. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to add to the agenda extending services from Massaro for two additional months due to the weather for a total cost of \$17,626.60. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve extending two months of construction management services by Massaro at a cost of \$17,626.60 for the existing project due to weather problems. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to add to the agenda demolition of 319 Ohiopyle Drive. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve demolition of 319 Ohiopyle Drive. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hrivnak reported there were 755 calls last month; the Borough has received complaints of a traveler doing construction projects in the area; two officers completed a child safety course on car seats and how to install them.

Committee Reports

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee w/Plum School District – Mr. Nowalk reported the committee will meet in August.

Finance Committee – Mr. Dell reported that delinquent EIT totaled 1.3 million; this will be a topic of discussion for the finance committee meeting along with delinquent property taxes; Unity fire department submitted a proposal for a truck purchase and interest rates have gone up.

Personnel and Management – No report.

Roads, Equipment and Grounds – Mr. Szarmach reported that public works had erected and removed equipment for Community days; the department has done base repair for paving; worked on drain system on Jackson Road; erected signs on School Road; repaired inlets in Edgemoor and continue to do park maintenance and mowing.

Public Safety – Mr. Knopf reminded residents to contribute to EMS.

Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Taylor reported that 73 permits were issued; 118 inspections conducted with 43 violation notices issued for the month of June.

Parks and Recreation – No report.

Citizen's Comments – Non Agenda Items

Walter Berkoski of 555 Millers Lane complained about the poor conditions of his road. Mr. Berkoski stated he had come to a meeting several months ago with the same complaints and nothing has been done. Mr. Berkoski said that asphalt has been dumped, there is graffiti on the culvert and someone is dumping there.

Mr. Szarmach said that the Municipal Authority has been doing repair work on Millers Lane due to the water line replacement.

Mr. Doyle announced the Planning Commission will meet on Monday, July 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Knopf, to adjourn the meeting at 8 p.m. Unanimously approved.

Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary